

*Number of Respondents:* 178,335.  
*Frequency of Responses:* Reporting:  
 On occasion.  
*Total Burden Hours:* 64,113.  
 Expedited review has been requested  
 for this submission.

- Rural Housing Service

*Title:* 7 CFR 1927-B, "Real Estate  
 Title Clearance and Loan Closing".  
*OMB Control Number:* 0575-0147.  
*Summary of Collection:* Information is  
 collected concerning real estate title,  
 estate title clearance, closing of loans,  
 assumptions, voluntary conveyances  
 and credit sales in connection with  
 insured loans.

*Need and Use of the Information:* The  
 information is used to ensure that loans  
 made with Federal funds are legally  
 secured.

*Description of Respondents:*  
 Individuals or households; business or  
 other for-profit; not-for-profit  
 institutions; farms.

*Number of Respondents:* 40,000  
*Frequency of Responses:* Reporting:  
 On occasion.  
*Total Burden Hours:* 54,816.

**Donald Hulcher,**

*Departmental Clearance Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Agricultural Marketing Service

[Docket No. CN-97-005]

#### Notice of Request for Extension and Revision of a Currently Approved Information Collection

**AGENCY:** Agricultural Marketing Service,  
 USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for  
 comments.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the  
 Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44  
 U.S.C. Chapter 35), this notice  
 announces the Agricultural Marketing  
 Service's (AMS) intention to request an  
 extension for and revision to a currently  
 approved information collection for  
 Cotton Classing, Testing, and Standards.  
**DATES:** Comments on this notice must be  
 received by December 14, 1997 to be  
 assured of consideration.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR COMMENTS:**  
 Comments may be mailed to USDA,  
 AMS, Cotton Programs, 1400  
 Independence Avenue, S.W., Stop 0224,  
 Room 2641-S, Washington D.C. 20250-  
 0224. All comments received will be  
 available for public inspection at this  
 address during the hours 8:00 a.m. to  
 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* Cotton Classing, Testing, and  
 Standards  
*OMB Number:* 0581-0008.  
*Expiration Date of Approval:* April 30,  
 1998

*Type of Request:* Extension and  
 revision of a currently approved  
 information collection.

*Abstract:* Information solicited is used  
 by the USDA to administer and  
 supervise activities associated with the  
 classification or grading of cotton,  
 cotton linters, and cottonseed based on  
 official USDA Standards. The  
 information requires personal data, such  
 as name, type of business, address, and  
 description of classification services  
 requested. These programs are  
 conducted under the United States  
 Cotton Standards Act (7 U.S.C. 51b), the  
 Cotton Statistics and Estimates Act of  
 1927 (U.S.C. 473c), and the Agricultural  
 Marketing Act of 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1622h).

*Estimate of Burden:* Public reporting  
 burden for this collection of information  
 is estimated to average 0.83 hours per  
 response.

*Respondents:* Cotton merchants,  
 warehouses, and gins.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:*  
 307

*Estimated Number of Responses per  
 Respondent:* 3.932 (1207/307)

*Estimated Total Annual Burden on  
 Respondents:* 100 Hours

Comments are invited on: (1) Whether  
 the proposed collection of information  
 is necessary for the proper performance  
 of the functions of the agency, including  
 whether the information will have  
 practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the  
 agency's estimate of the burden of the  
 proposed collection of information  
 including the validity of the  
 methodology and assumptions used; (3)  
 ways to enhance the quality, utility, and  
 clarity of the information to be  
 collected; and (4) ways to minimize the  
 burden of the collection of information  
 on those who are to respond, including  
 the use of appropriate automated,  
 electronic, mechanical, or other  
 technological collection techniques or  
 other forms of information technology.  
 Comments may be sent to Amelia M.  
 Eduardo, Assistant to the Associate  
 Deputy Administrator, Cotton Programs,  
 AMS, USDA 1400 Independence  
 Avenue, SW, Stop 0224, Room 2641-S,  
 Washington, D.C. 20250. All comments  
 received will be available for public  
 inspection during regular business  
 hours at the same address. All responses  
 to this notice will be summarized and  
 included in the request for OMB  
 approval. All comments will become a  
 matter of public record.

Dated: October 6, 1997.

**Mary E. Atienza,**

*Deputy Administrator, Cotton Programs.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. 97-092-1]

#### Notice of Request for Extension of Approval of an Information Collection

**AGENCY:** Animal and Plant Health  
 Inspection Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Extension of approval of an  
 information collection; comment  
 request.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the  
 Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this  
 notice announces the Animal and Plant  
 Health Inspection Service's intention to  
 request an extension of approval of an  
 information collection in support of the  
 Imported Fire Ant regulations.

**DATES:** Comments on this notice must be  
 received by December 15, 1997 to be  
 assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments regarding  
 the accuracy of burden estimate, ways to  
 minimize the burden (such as through  
 the use of automated collection  
 techniques or other forms of information  
 technology), or any other aspect of this  
 collection of information to: Docket No.  
 97-092-1, Regulatory Analysis and  
 Development, PPD, APHIS, suite 3C03,  
 4700 River Road Unit 118, Riverdale,  
 MD 20737-1238. Please send an original  
 and three copies, and state that your  
 comments refer to Docket 97-092-1.  
 Comments received may be inspected at  
 USDA, room 1141, South Building, 14th  
 Street and Independence Avenue SW.,  
 Washington, DC, between 8 a.m. and  
 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday,  
 except holidays. Persons wishing to  
 inspect comments are requested to call  
 ahead on (202) 690-2817 to facilitate  
 entry into the comment reading room.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:** For  
 information regarding the Imported Fire  
 Ant regulations, contact Mr. Michael  
 Stefan, Operations Officer, Domestic  
 and Emergency Programs, PPD, APHIS,  
 4700 River Road Unit 134, Riverdale,  
 MD 20737-1236, (301) 734-8247. For  
 copies of more detailed information on  
 the information collection, contact Ms.  
 Cheryl Jenkins, Information Collection  
 Coordinator, at (301) 734-5360.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* Imported Fire Ant.